



MEDIA STATEMENT

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Unimin Australia comments on Court of Appeal decision regarding subsidiary Queensland Construction Materials application to sell construction sand from mine tailings areas on North Stradbroke Island

Unimin Australia expressed disappointment over today's decision by the Court of Appeal to overturn an earlier decision from the Planning and Environment Court that our construction sands project application was properly made.

The Court found in favour of Unimin in two of the three counts and the appellants on only one of three counts. The court found that in the original application, there was an error regarding completing of one of the forms.

Issues regarding Native Title and Land Ownership were dismissed.

A decision with regards to costs has not yet been made, with the courts majority preliminary view being that the co-respondents pay a third of QCM's court costs.

QCM and Unimin Australia will now carefully consider the judgment over the coming days and intends to continue to pursue the project which we believe generates a sound economic return from existing sand mining tailings in an environmentally and socially acceptable way.

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Unimin Australia Limited (UAL) is an Australian resources company playing a key role on the international and domestic industrial minerals stage. With 10 sites in Queensland and over 40 sites within Australia and New Zealand, UAL is a major contributor to domestic GDP. UAL's operations on North Stradbroke Island include both Silica sands and CRL Minerals Sands (Rutile, Ilmenite and Zircon). CRL is a wholly owned subsidiary of Unimin Australia. Unimin Australia is part of US based Unimin Corporation, a 134 year old family owned business.

Unimin has a proud record of environmental achievement and is committed to a Sustainable Stradbroke. As evidence of its environmental record, the Queensland Government in 2008 awarded Unimin the prestigious Resource Industries Sustainability Award for outstanding performance in Environmental Best Practice.